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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Arguello *et al.*

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For: **METHODS FOR SEPARATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING DNA MOLECULES**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Madame or Sir:

This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed October 5, 2001, in reference to the above-referenced application. The shortened statutory period for response to this Office Action was set to expire on January 5, 2002, and with the granting of the